

Honorable Robert E. Hampton
Chairman, Civil Service Commission
Washington, D.C. 20415

Attention: Mr. James C. Spry
Room 5H09

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your letter of December 3, 1971, transmitting a proposed Executive order entitled, "Providing for the Appointment in the Competitive Service of Certain Present and Former Employees of the Central Intelligence Agency."

The proposed order would extend to employees in the Central Intelligence Agency the same right to noncompetitive appointment to positions in the competitive civil service now authorized for members of the Foreign Service of the Department of State.

The Department of Defense recommends that the proposed order be expanded to include other employees who hold "career-type appointments" in the excepted service; and cites, particularly, employees serving under such appointments in the intelligence agencies of the military departments, in the Defense Intelligence Agency, and in the National Security Agency. A copy of the letter from the Department of Defense is enclosed.

We assume the Commission will wish to consider the implications of the expansion suggested by the Defense Department. Accordingly, and in view of that Department's objection to the proposal in its present form, we plan no further action on the proposed order pending receipt of your reply.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

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